

**City of San Diego
MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR
FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2002 @ 12 NOON**

**EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5TH FLOOR
1010 SECOND AVENUE**

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Attendees:

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Juliana Humphrey, St. Clair Adams, Dale Kelly Bankhead, Dr. Al Best, Steve McWilliams, Jerry Meier, Dr. Daniel Pearce, Larry Chaidez, Michael Bartelmo, Conley Major and Mike Barbee. Staff: Sgt. David Rohowits, Ed Plank, Alison Glennon and Elmer Heap.

Formation of a Media Relations Sub-Committee

Juliana made a motion to form a sixth sub-committee, Media Relations, to handle outreach and media relation issues. A motion was made that all media announcements from Task Force members to the media be referred to the Chair. Juliana handed out a memo on the Task Force's new media policy, requesting that all media inquiries go through her, so the Task Force can be represented by just one voice, thus avoiding any confusion. Juliana stated, if it pertained to a specific sub-committee issue, she would refer it to the appropriate sub-committee Chair for clarification.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Medical Research Sub-Committee

Two issues were discussed, one being the UCSD research project, the three studies which have currently been approved are going to be three year studies and should be completed by the year 2005. As of March 11, 2002, the research grade cannabis is up and running.

Trials will begin in the United States in late 2003, to research a cannabinoid based medicine, specifically for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and stroke victims. The drug under development is Dexamabinol, currently Belgium, England, Finland, Germany, Italy and Spain are partaking in these clinical studies.

Patient/Doctor Sub-Committee

There will not be a blanket press release on the doctor and patient surveys. Ann and Jerry will release the information selectively. A suggestion was made to mail out a postcard to the doctors contained in the database to put the report in their office and also to send a copy to the Medical Society and Gary Klockenga in the Library. Website update, to be discussed again within the next few months, 4 or 5 themes need to be organized and presented to the Task Force as a whole to decide on the actual themes which will be used to develop the site.

Legislative Sub-Committee

The RFP was reviewed and a few revisions will be made to several pages. After the RFP is finalized, it will go out to bid for about 30 days, one request of the Task Force, was to make it make it mandatory that they be informed throughout the selection process. The bidding panel will comprise of 1 person from the Police Department, 1 Patient, 1 Physician and several Task Force members. At the next meeting on April 19th, there will be a discussion on the (Oakland) grow guidelines.

Law Enforcement Sub-Committee

St Clair discussed a case about a resident being evicted under a State run HUD Program. The Police were called out and Lt. Solis has been handling this matter for St. Clair. A letter is to be prepared at a later date, after the ID Card Program is in place, asking the Police Chief to re-train all officers that would be involved in any medicinal marijuana arrests. The Police Department agrees that waiting until the ID Card Program is in place makes more sense. Potentially there could be up to 2,000 police officers that will need the re-training.

Public Comment

A public comment was made, that within the next 3 to 4 months, hopefully something will be set in place to give small amounts of marijuana away to the public for free. No money would exchange hands.